
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
INCLUDE IN THE 2017-2018 SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM REQUEST IMPROVEMENTS TO CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER
TERMINALS AT NAWILIWILI HARBOR IN KAUAI, HONOLULU HARBOR IN
OAHU, KAHULUI HARBOR IN MAUI, AND HILO HARBOR IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted Act 200, Session Laws of
2 Hawaii 2008, to provide suitable harbor facilities and berthing
3 piers to ensure the efficient and timely delivery and shipment
4 of goods imported into the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, Act 200 also included the construction of ferry
7 and passenger facilities; and

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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii's congressional delegation consisting of
10 the late Senator Daniel Inouye, retired Senator Daniel Akaka,
11 former Congressman Neil Abercrombie, and Congresswoman Mazie
12 Hirono supported and included into Public Law, 109-59, Title IX,
13 Section 9008, the Hawaii Port Infrastructure Expansion Program,
14 Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended; and

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16 WHEREAS, that congressional delegation successfully
17 allocated federal funds to the Hawaii Port Infrastructure
18 Expansion Program; and

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20 WHEREAS, federal funds from the Hawaii Port Infrastructure
21 Expansion Program were used to design an efficient traffic flow
22 for tour buses and taxi operations and enhance the passenger
23 experience by remodeling the interior of the Pier 2 passenger
24 terminal in Honolulu Harbor; and

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26 WHEREAS, at the 2013 Historic Preservation Honor Awards,
27 the Historic Hawaii Foundation recognized the Pier 2 Passenger
28 Terminal Building by awarding it the Preservation Media Award



1 for its permanent exhibits and large scale original Hawaii
2 artwork; and

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4 WHEREAS, federal funds were also used to separate inter-
5 island cargo operations and passenger tour operations at Hilo
6 Harbor; and

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8 WHEREAS, during fiscal year (FY) 2012-2013, FY 2013-2014,
9 and FY 2014-2015, approximately 250,000 cruise ship passengers
10 passed through the Hawaii harbor system in each of those fiscal
11 years; and

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13 WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2011, cruise ship passengers
14 were assessed a debark fee of \$5, an embark fee of \$5 at the
15 first point of entry, and an additional \$5 in-transit fee for
16 each port visit thereafter; and

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18 WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2013, the debark and embark fees
19 increased to \$6 per passenger; and

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21 WHEREAS, primarily due to the changes in the fee rate
22 structure, cruise ship passengers' fee revenue increased from
23 \$5.7 million in FY 2012-2013 to \$6.7 million in FY 2013-2014 and
24 to \$6.9 million in FY 2014-2015; and

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26 WHEREAS, while the Department of Transportation has
27 increased the passengers' fees, it has not, except for the
28 improvements to Pier 2 at Honolulu Harbor, included in its
29 Capital Improvement Program the design and construction of
30 cruise ship passenger facilities for each of its major
31 commercial ports serving passenger vessels; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority is increasing its
34 market to include passenger cruise operations; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority is funding a
37 statewide vessel scheduling system for cruise line agents to
38 have online access to reserve and schedule passenger vessels at
39 the Department of Land and Natural Resources small boat harbors
40 at Kona and Lahaina and the Department of Transportation Harbors
41 Division commercial ports at Nawiliwili Harbor in Kauai,
42 Honolulu Harbor in Oahu, Kahului Harbor in Maui, and Hilo Harbor
43 in Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is seeking to
2 support the Hawaii Tourism Authority by funding an existing
3 position to evaluate existing facilities, help create a uniform
4 visitor experience at each port of call, and support the Hawaii
5 Tourism Authority in managing the greeter program; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes and supports the
8 cooperation between the Department of Transportation and the
9 Hawaii Tourism Authority to enhance the passenger experience and
10 tourism brand; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
14 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Governor and
15 Department of Transportation are requested to include in the
16 2017-2018 Supplemental Capital Improvement Program request
17 improvements to cruise ship passenger terminals at Nawiliwili
18 Harbor in Kauai, Honolulu Harbor in Oahu, Kahului Harbor in
19 Maui, and Hilo Harbor in Hawaii; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
22 Transportation continue to collaborate with the Hawaii Tourism
23 Authority and other state and federal entities to encourage the
24 installation of art and award winning designs that promote
25 heritage tourism and original Hawaii artwork; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's
29 congressional delegation, Governor, Director of Transportation,
30 Chair of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Mayor of Hawaii County,
31 Mayor of Kauai County, Mayor of Maui County, Mayor of the City
32 and County of Honolulu, Chair of the Hawaii County Council,
33 Chair of the Kauai County Council, Chair of the Maui County
34 Council, Chair of the City and County of Honolulu, President of
35 Cruise Lines International Association - North America and
36 Canada (CLIA-NWC), and Norwegian Cruise Lines America (NCL
37 America).
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